



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 388**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5340

*House of Representatives, April 12, 2012*

The Committee on Commerce reported through REP. BERGER of the 73rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ENERGY-RELATED JOBS TASK FORCE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an energy-  
2       related jobs task force to study (1) strategies for developing the state's  
3       energy-related jobs marketplace and workforce, (2) policies or  
4       programs to promote energy efficient buildings, and (3) methods to  
5       generate more consumer demand for energy efficiency programs. Such  
6       study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of  
7       growth in energy-related jobs, economic development, workforce  
8       development, research and development, and information sharing by  
9       and among manufacturers and institutions of higher education.

10       (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

11       (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
12       one of whom shall have experience in energy efficiency and one of  
13       whom shall have experience in labor;

14       (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
15 of whom shall have experience in alternative energy and one of whom  
16 shall have experience in workforce development;

17       (3) A representative of a private university engaged in clean energy  
18 or energy efficiency research and development appointed by the  
19 majority leader of the House of Representatives;

20       (4) A representative of a state university appointed by the majority  
21 leader of the Senate;

22       (5) A representative of a manufacturer appointed by the minority  
23 leader of the House of Representatives;

24       (6) A representative of a technology firm appointed by the minority  
25 leader of the Senate;

26       (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
27 or the commissioner's designee;

28       (8) The executive director of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated,  
29 or the executive director's designee;

30       (9) The Labor Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

31       (10) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, or  
32 the commissioner's designee;

33       (11) The chairperson of the board of directors of the Clean Energy  
34 Finance and Investment Authority; and

35       (12) Six persons appointed by the Governor, one of whom has  
36 experience in private research and development, one of whom has  
37 experience with private financing, one of whom has experience in  
38 energy and environmental policy research and development in the  
39 area of job creation, one of whom has experience in consumer rights  
40 and utility rates, one of whom is a representative of a nonprofit  
41 community-based organization with a mission to promote  
42 neighborhood-based economic development or provide services to

43 low-income residents and one of whom is a representative of  
44 community colleges.

45 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
46 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
47 of the General Assembly.

48 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
49 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
50 filled by the appointing authority.

51 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
52 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
53 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
54 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
55 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

56 (f) The Clean Energy Finance and Investment Authority shall,  
57 within available appropriations, provide administrative support to the  
58 task force.

59 (g) Not later than January 1, 2013, the task force shall submit a  
60 report on its findings and recommendations, including, but not limited  
61 to, any recommendations regarding legislative initiatives for forming  
62 public policy encouraging an energy-related jobs marketplace and  
63 workforce, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
64 having cognizance of matters relating to commerce, in accordance with  
65 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force  
66 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1,  
67 2013, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

**CE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 13 \$	FY 14 \$
Various State Agencies; Legislative Mgmt.	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

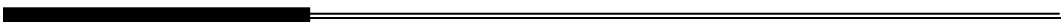
**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 to agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses.

**The Out Years**

There is no annualized ongoing fiscal impact as the task force terminates in FY 13.



**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Commerce Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 17      Nay 0      (03/27/2012)